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AMENDMENT "A" PRIOR TO ACTION

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO: PCT/DE98/02109

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INVENTION: **METHOD FOR THE STATISTICAL MULTIPLEXING
OF ATM CONNECTIONS**Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

15 Sir:

Applicants amend the above-identified PCT application as follows,
and request entry of the Amendment prior to examination in the United
States National Examination Phase.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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On page 1:

delete lines 4 and 5 and insert the following heading and paragraph:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to transmission of information via
asynchronous transfer mode (ATM) and, more particularly, to a method
for the statistical multiplexing of ATM connections.--;

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line 6, replace "plurality" with --number-- and delete "are defined
given connections";